THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre (INSDOC) has been presently assigned the work to prepare the Photo Identity Cards of the electors of the 50 assembly constituencies of Delhi by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Delhi. The agreement stipulates that INSDOC would carry out the tasks assigned by the CEO, Delhi, with regard to Photo Identity Card as per the programe and schedule decided by the CEO, Delhi.

(c) INSDOC besides carrying out the task at its main office, deputes field teams to visit Photo Identity card centres for photographing the voters.

(d) and (e) As per the present agreement INSDOC has been assigned the work to complete any item of remaining work to be done by the previous other agencies in respect of photos taken or the identity cards prepared by them including corrections, if any. Any correction duly authorised by the concerned Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) is carried out by INSDOC in preparing new photo identity cards.

Setting up Bacterial Factories in the Country

3926. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up some bacterial factories in the country;

(b) if so, the places where these factories are coming up; and

(c) the number of such factories being set up by the private, public and joint sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) No Sir, However, research is being pursued using bacteria like Bacillus sphaericus, Bacillus thurringiensis and Pseudomonas sp., to contain pests.

Companies Permitted to set up Steel Plants

3927. DY. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise names of the companies in private sector which have been permitted to set up steel plants;

(b) the details of assistance and facilities provided by Government for setting up these plants; and

(c) the companies out of the above started functioning, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (c) Under the New Industrial Policy announced in July 1991, 'Iron & Steel' industry has been exempted from the purview of compulsory licensing, except for certain locational restrictions. In terms of this policy, approval of the Union Government for Industrial Licence is required only if the project is proposed to be located within 25 kms. from the periphery of the standard urban area limits of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs according to the 1991 census, and this location is not within areas designated as 'Industrial area' by State Govt. before July 25, 1991. However, details of the Companies assisted by All India Financial Institutions and those which have started functioning are given in the Statement annexed. (*see* below).

(b) Various State Government provide assistance like acquisition of land, infrastructural facilities such as road development, water and power requirement and allied facilities for setting up the steel plants in their States. In addition to these, Central Government also provides appropriate linkages of raw materials and transport etc.